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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ON BELIZE

1. AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER LA HORA NOVEMBER 3 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY QUOTING APPARENTLY VERBATIM LONG STATEMENT ON BELIZE MADE BY PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AT IMPROMPTU AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS (FULL TEXT POUCHED DEPARTMENT):

2. "GREAT BRITAIN SHOULD NEITHER BE CONFUSED NOR MISTAKEN IN (THINKING THAT) OUR PACIFISM AND OUR PATIENCE ARE LACK OF MANHOOD. IF THEY CORNER US, WE WILL RESPOND IN THE MANNER WHICH WE GUATEMALANS MUST RESPOND. OUR PATIENCE IS NOT YET EXHAUSTED. WE CONTINUE BEING PATIENT, WE CONTINUE BEING RESPECTFUL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. WHAT WE ASK IS THAT

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GREAT BRITAIN NOT MAKE A MISTAKE ABOUT US; THAT SHE

SHOULD NOT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE HER SUBJECTS: LET HER NOT MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT BY SENDING DOWN ANOTHER AIRCRAFT CARRIER AS SHE HAS DONE ON PAST OCCASIONS SHE WILL BE ABLE TO TERRIFY US, BECAUSE SHE WILL BE MISTAKEN.

3. "I SAID AT MY PRESS CONFERENCE WE ARE NOT A CASTRATED PEOPLE". THE WORD ESCAPED INVOLUNTARILY, I SHOULD NOT HAVE USED THE WORD, BUT IT IS THE TRUTH. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT, WE CANNOT TOLERATE A BRITISH RAPE OR HUMILIATION\* AS GUATEMALANS WE WILL RESPOND LIKE MEN IN FACE OF A SITUATION IN WHICH THE BRITISH WISH TO CORNER US... IF THEY WANT TO HUMILIATE US, THE MATTER COULD BECOME MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THEY EXPECT.

4. "BUT I REPEAT: (THE BRITISH) HAD BETTER NOT CORNER US...BECAUSE WHEN A NATION IS CORNERED OR WHEN A PERSON IS CORNERED, IT DEFENDS ITSELF WITH WHAT IT HAS AND WITH WHAT IT CAN.

5. "WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO HAVE THE WAR POTENTIAL THE ENGLISH HAVE, BUT WE WILL COMPENSATE FOR THEIR WAR POTENTIAL WITH OUR COURAGE AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF (THE COUNTRIES OF) AMERICA AND OF MANY COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF AMERICA WHO UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEM. BUT WE LOOK FOR OUR WAY (OUT) THROUGH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. WE CONTINUE INSISTING THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW IS ON OUR SIDE."  
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